

**WHARTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
February 20, 2024
(Prepared by Colleen Pascale, Secretary)**

7:00 Monthly meeting called to order by Michele Howe

Roll Call: Present: Ana Jones, Deb DiMattio, Michele Howe, Leonor Vasquez, Colleen Pascale, Gale Frankel. Not Present: Christopher Roman,

Pledge of Allegiance In compliance with Open Public Meetings Act: This meeting is being held in conformity to the Open Public Meetings Act N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq. Proper public notice of this meeting was published in the Star-Ledger on the library's website, and social media pages.

7:18 Approval of January meeting minutes • Motion – Michele Howe, second - Leonor Vasquez

Financial Report:

- Payment of Bills - \$5,741.24
- Resolution 2024-27 was tabled.

Public Portion - None

Correspondence – None

Reports

- **President's Report:**
 - Colleen Pascale was introduced as a new member of the Board of Trustees.
 - Friends of the library will open a gaming account after receiving the gambling permit from the state of New Jersey. A meeting has been set to discuss upcoming fundraising opportunities.
 - A meeting with Joe Kowalczyk in the Town Hall to review the budget will be set up. The March 19th Board of Trustees meeting will discuss a detailed account of the meeting.
 - Community members have praised the library's programming. Virginia Halprin, the Library Director, has brought the community room to new levels, supporting the Community Center for Wharton residents. Virginia was praised for her hard work and dedication on behalf of the Board.

Library Director's Report:

- A part was ordered to fix the inner door, which was not closing correctly.

- With the newly purchased equipment, Lenny Ruggiero could upgrade the speed of public computers to two and three.
- On February 17th, Optimum visited the library to convert usage to fiber to increase speed from 100 to 300 to take advantage of the migration to Wi-Fi 6.
- Waiting for the DPW to evaluate and repair the following:
 - Gutter cleaning
 - Repair a table that was damaged.
 - Repair buckled siding.

Old Business:

- Following approval by the board, the monthly agenda and the previous month's minutes should be posted on the library's website. Access to the minutes would offer the public greater accessibility to these materials and keep them informed about library operations and upcoming discussions.

New Business:

- Discussion regarding creating a coffee serving station at the library.
- Discussion regarding the implementation of the summer program and resources

Motion to adjourn at 8:10 PM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 19, 2024